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TWENTY-SIX NATIONS TO CONFER ON FOOD PROBLEM

Plumer Discusses Stabilization of Wheat Prices

GOAL OF FREEDOM FROM WANT WILL BE PARLEY'S AIM

Seek Improvement Agricultural Production and Betterment of Farmers' Conditions

WHEAT FLOOR DISCUSSED

Question of "Parity Prices"—Gardiner Satisfied re Hogs and Feed Prices

By M. McDUGALL

(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, Oct. 3rd.—A great deal of interest is felt in the forthcoming Food and Agricultural Organization conference to be held in Quebec, beginning October 16th and lasting probably from two to three weeks. The representatives of 26 nations will take part in this meeting, which is an outcome of the conference held at Hot Springs, Virginia, in 1943, when the adequate feeding of mankind became for the first time a practical issue in international affairs. Before the opening date, it is expected that other nations in addition to the 26 will declare their intention of sending delegations.

Objectives of Conference

The objectives of the conference are of a kind that will arouse the sympathetic interest of everyone. Delegates will discuss the known fact that about two-thirds of the world hasn't enough to eat, and will aim at helping organization, nations to get more and better food for their people. The organization members will try to take a major step forward towards the attainment of the goal of Freedom from Want, one of the Atlantic Charter's Four Freedoms. The organization hopes to help in the improvement of agricultural production everywhere, and in the betterment of conditions of all rural populations. The conference will make known what products are needed and where, and will gather statistics on supplies. It will also collect and make available particulars of scientific improvements in agriculture.

The Canadian delegation is likely to be headed by Dr. G. S. H. Barton, Deputy Minister of the Federal Department of Agriculture, who was head of our delegation to Hot Springs. Dr. Barton, who was born and lived on a farm and who for some years was dean of McDonald Agricultural college, is one of the foremost authorities on practical farming. With him in all likelihood will be H. H. Hannam, President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. He also attended the Hot Springs conference.

Wheat Price Guarantee

An agitation has been growing for a clearer definition of plans to secure agricultural incomes. Members of Parliament would like to know when the price support measure will be

Survivors Testify Against Them



Before a British military court, and provided with every facility for their defence—that British justice may be done—these Nazis are charged at Lueneberg, Germany, with having committed crimes at the Oswiecim (Auschwitz) and Belsen concentration camps. Among prisoners in the dock are (1) Josef Kramer (the "Beast of Belsen"); (2) Fritz Klein, the doctor charged with indescribably fiendish cruelty; (3) Peter Weingartner. Survivors of the camps have given evidence.

proclaimed. It goes into effect on proclamation, and in the meantime subsidies and bonuses continue and the great uncertainty on the future trend of market remains. The agitation in the Commons has revolved about the recent guarantee of \$1.00 a bushel minimum to producers over the next five years for number one Northern wheat delivered Fort William or Vancouver, (on authorized deliveries.) The \$1.25 minimum continues at least for the balance of the present crop year. The guarantee was given it is explained, "to protect producers against the consequence of any sharp reversal in the world wheat position during the next five year period." The facts in relation to this guarantee and the government's decision to have the Wheat Board sell wheat abroad at \$1.55 a bushel are too well known to require further information here. It was explained at the time that "any further increase in wheat prices now would aggravate the problems of economic and political readjustment of the liberated areas to Canada's detriment in future trade with those areas. There is a moral obligation not to take advantage of our recent allies in their time of compelling need."

Criticism of the Government decisions has not centred on the decision to sell at \$1.55; but more on the \$1.00 guarantee, which some claim should be \$1.25 and others "not less than 90 per cent of parity." It has been pointed out on this that the \$1.00 price has no relation whatever with

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FIVE-YEAR PRICE FLOOR WELCOMED BY FARM PEOPLE

Soaring Prices on Speculative Market Would Mean Collapse Sooner or Later

PLUMER GIVES VIEWS

Speculation in Food Proved Unnecessary, Speaker Tells Knights of Round Table

"If there were a roaring speculative market and wheat soared upward in price, it is certain that sooner or later the boom would burst and prices would come tumbling down far below economic levels—farmers know this, and that is why they prefer the present system," declared Ben S. Plumer, chairman of the board of directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool, in an address before the Knights of the Round Table in Calgary last week.

"During the war years they have been fearful of price developments in the years following the end of the war. In the past the coming of peace always heralded a downward trend of prices. Having submitted to price control during the war, the farmers do not want a repetition of what occurred in the past." They welcomed a five-year floor price, though \$1 a bushel at the terminal was by no means a high figure.

Key Product in Canada's Economy

Mr. Plumer, whose subject was "Stabilization of Wheat Prices", stated in part:

"Wheat is a key product in Canada's economy. This nation relies to a large extent upon its export industries, and for many years Canada's exports of wheat, wheat flour and other mill products have constituted from twenty to thirty-eight per cent of the nation's export trade.

"The economy of the Prairie Provinces of Canada is built primarily on wheat. It is the great cash crop. Usually about two-thirds of the wheat production of the prairies must find a market beyond the boundaries of Canada. Such is not the case with oats and barley, as normally only from five to ten per cent of the production of such grains enters export markets. Oats and barley are the feed crops of Canada, much as corn is the feed crop of the United States.

Two-Thirds of World's People

"World Statistics show that about two-thirds of all the people on earth are engaged in agriculture; that wheat is one of the most important of all agricultural products. Ordinarily it furnishes more cargo for ocean-going vessels than any other commodity. It supplies railroads and lake steamers with a substantial percentage of their total freight receipts.

"It is the key product in agriculture

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States Meat Rationing Would Be Eased If Live Stock Market Congested

During his visit to Calgary this week, Donald Gordon attended a press conference at which he answered many questions in reference to rationing in its various phases.

When his attention was called to some fears expressed by Mr. Hannam of the C.F.A., in regard to possible market congestion, Mr. Gordon expressed confidence that packing plants and export machinery will be able to handle the extra business for Europe with sufficient efficiency to keep livestock markets clear.

Mr. Gordon informed The Western Farm Leader's representative that if any serious temporary congestion should occur, rationing regulations would be changed, if necessary, to assist in meeting such an emergency. Whatever steps might be needed to relieve congestion would be taken, but he felt confident that this was unlikely or would be quickly relieved, and that there would be no danger of serious price losses from such a cause.

He added that if production had been double what it is, rationing would still have been just as necessary, because "Canada has humanitarian obligations to cut her own consumption to the essential minimum to provide as much as possible for the destitute of Europe."

Mr. Brownlee's next article, "Direct and Indirect Taxation", Oct. 19th issue.



Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section

SLOGAN FOR TODAY: "More Milk from Every Cow."



Markets This Fall

By ELLIS A. JOHNSTONE

In years past, we have, about this time each year passed on to you what information your Administration Office had on Markets, that is, the anticipated values for products which are marketed through our organization: Milk for cheese, Milk for condensing, cream for butter, and eggs and poultry.

Relatively Simple Task

This time it is a relatively simple task, because market values for most all of these products are now pretty well established and it is anticipated that present values will maintain at least for the next six months.

The surrender of Japan, however, did change the outlook for the poultry market. While the war was on, the United States Army were taking all the poultry meat Canada could give them, and we are further advised that at the time of V-J Day, a delegation from Washington was on its way to Ottawa to have this agreement enlarged and/or extended. The delegation never arrived in Ottawa because meanwhile, Japan surrendered.

The United States Army is no longer interested in buying our poultry meat and as an alternative, the Special Products Board at Ottawa are, at the present time, endeavoring to arrange a program which will assure poultry growers

fair values for their poultry crop to be marketed between now and the end of the present year. We anticipate that values for poultry meat for the balance of the year will remain at approximately present day levels.

Contracts With United Kingdom

On eggs, we have the Fall export contracts with the United Kingdom, and in anticipation of this contract, values for ungraded eggs increased sometime ago by approximately 6c per dozen. These values should maintain until we begin a new year and details of a spring export contract are announced. Your Dairy Pool is presently exporting several carloads of eggs, which we stored this past spring and summer for the Special Products Board and specially tagged for export to England at this time.

In Iceland, co-operatives market 85 per cent of the country's agricultural products as well as a large proportion of marine products.

The Cow and the Accountant

By K. Y. FRANCIS

Note by Management: The important article by Mr. Francis, from *Canadian Business*, is concluded below:



"They say my record's good."

Difference in rates of consumption and milk production vary with each cow. One cow may need 50 pounds of silage to look after her bodily maintenance and give highest milk production; others may require only 20 to 40 pounds per 1,000 pounds body weight.

In addition they require other foods, concentrates and dairy rations. But there is no point in giving all the cows in a herd the same amount of food each day. They can't use it—it simply goes to fat and waste. Too little food, on the other hand, ruins a cow, particularly a young one. Heifers which have been improperly fed, such as calves on poor pasture, do not become high producers and this means a squandering of land and labor.

Tragedy of Extravagant Cow

The tragedy of the extravagant cow is that she doesn't need to exist—there is no reason why the consumer and the Government should pay high prices and subsidies to support her. Probably one quarter of the dairy cows today do not pay for themselves. Yet these could be culled from the herds if the farmers would keep records of individual cows and see that the milk production of each cow pays for her food, her overhead, and replacement—in other words, do some cost accounting.

Cows respond quickly to intelligent management. One expert has stated that milk production can be increased in ten days on balanced feeding. This type of feeding probably costs more—certainly to start on the right track takes extra labor and greater concentration, but the net return is greater and that is the important factor. Records kept for 63,739 pure-bred cows were compared with those of 107,309 grade cows. The pure-breds averaged 8,443 pounds of milk per year with 325 pounds of butterfat; the grade cows 7,623 pounds with 298 butterfat. The average cost of feeding the pure-bred was \$83 and of the grade cows \$67, but the net from the pure-bred was \$20 per cow higher.

Highest Producer Most Economical

The following examples will show that the highest producer is the economical producer:

Yearly Food Cost	Milk Produced	Pounds of Fat	Butter-Gross	Net
\$38.00	2,650 lbs.	106	\$54.37	\$16.37
59.00	7,573 lbs.	300	135.00	76.00
127.00	21,432 lbs.	874	446.00	319.00

It has been claimed that the highest producer balances the income from the seven lowest producers in a herd. Of course all cows cannot become high producers. A cow cannot, no matter how much she is fed, produce more milk than her inherited capacity, but she will eat all that's put before her—if it is succulent, she will eat until she swells up and dies. On the other hand, the good producer can't make milk out of nothing; she will starve herself to make milk if her diet

is poor but there is an optimum for her—the amount and type of food that will give the lowest cost per pound for the milk she produces.

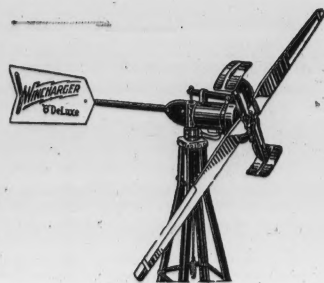
Effect on Milk Production

The time at which a cow freshens affects her milk production. Those freshening in the fall or early winter gave, in one series of tests, 11 per cent more milk and fat and returned 11 per cent more income than those freshening in spring and summer. Since cows must be cared for in the winter, it is more profitable to get the highest return from them when the milk prices are high in the winter. These cows flush again when they go on summer pasture and because winter is comparatively slack on the farm, there is more time to look after the calves and more time to milk the high producers. Poor old Bossy responds well to this extra milking attention. High producing cows show a 6 to 20 per cent increase in milk if they are milked more than twice daily.

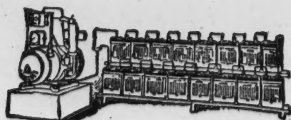
Much of the extravagance in the dairy business is carried to the consumer in the big spread, but a serious

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It helps if there is some other incentive to culling than just the disposal of birds.

Some farmers plan to market enough culs each week to take care of certain regular expenses.

This tends to make culling systematic. The whole family has something at stake and helps hunt the non-layers.

THE BUSY HEN IS THE LAYING HEN

Laying hens are the first out in the morning and the last in at night.

No serious mistake can be made in picking up the last off the roost in the morning or the first to go to roost at night.

SYSTEMATIC CULLING AND MARKETING OF NON-LAYERS OR POOR LAYERS NOT ONLY SAVES COSTS, BUT BRINGS BETTER RETURNS, ON THE AVERAGE, THAN WAITING TO SELL THE WHOLE LOT AT ONE TIME.

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CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

Current Comment

aspect, of it is that the consumer is not getting all he expects from all milk. Clean, safe milk is not uniformly nutritious. The foster mother of the human race can't put more food values in her milk than she gets in her own food, so if a cow is undernourished or suffering from a vitamin or mineral lack, that is indicated in her milk. One of the commonest examples is in rich-colored milk. When a cow is fed on carotene rich foods, the milk is rich in color and high in vitamin A but when her diet lacks carotene, the milk is lower in this food essential.

Results of Research Miraculous

Research done through departments of agriculture and by the chemists of big milling companies to get every vitamin and food essential in livestock feed is in the miracle class. Fish oils, yeasts, soybeans—a myriad of things—go into these feeds to give Bossy a chance to be thrifty. Canadian farmers will never be able to thank men like Dr. A. E. Cliffe of Montreal for the work they have done to perfect these foods. Because of the great wartime demand for dairy products and the rapid results from balanced diets, their use is being quickly extended, but there is a big educational job still to be done.

To compete in post-war export markets, Canada has to get her cows down to a reasonable level in milk production costs. She's far behind most of her competitors now. The Danes credit their cows with an average of 8,000 lbs. of milk per year; Canada's 4 million cows give 180 billion pounds, roughly and optimistically 4,500 lbs. average, which is only 60 per cent of New Zealand's average.

Departments of Agriculture are making every effort to get Canadian farmers to study the economics of agriculture, to show that farm prosperity is not wholly a matter of

Bentley Cold Storage Plant.—The Bentley Cold Storage Plant is almost complete. The plant is owned by the Morrison Brothers, both members of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool, Ralph Morrison being the first milk shipper to the condensery from Bentley and having Number 1. He has a first class herd of Jersey cows and is using milking machines. C. A. Morrison operates the Meat Market in Bentley and has his farm rented.

Re: Participation Certificates Series "T", 1933.—All members are again reminded that their Participation Slips, Series "T" for 1933, should be sent in to our Administration Office at Red Deer for payment.

high prices but is related to cost of production as in every other business. The dairies have the best opportunity to preach this gospel. They can extend their field service to include individual cow testing; they can help make fine feeds available when the producer comes with his milk; they can carry out programs of herd improvement, and teach farmers their own skilful methods of cost accounting. They can show the producer when these methods count most—in his payment cheque.

The Alberta Federation of Agriculture and its affiliated members have recognized the need of supplying meat products to the hungry people of Europe. However, they feel that the producer is bearing more than his share of the responsibility, even if he isn't up in arms and declaring strikes.

Beef purchased by the Meat Board for export purposes is bought at the floor price, while beef for domestic markets is bought at the ceiling price. The difference between the floor and ceiling prices ranges from twenty-five cents to a dollar a hundred, depending on grade. From this point of view alone, the producer is doing more than his share.

However, the big worry to the Western rancher is that packing, storage, and shipping facilities may not be able to handle the supply of cattle, should weather conditions force rapid delivery. So far deliveries have been high but steady, so no difficulties have been encountered. While statistics are not available, it is the general opinion that extra heavy runs are still due on our markets, and losses in handling can still be experienced.

The Alberta Federation of Agriculture has pointed out these discrepancies and dangers, to the Dominion Department of Agriculture. While we are still in doubt as to the outcome, we have every reason to believe that the Department will do their best to prevent the occurrence of any bottle necks, even if they will not allow shipments to the American market. However, they will never be able to do this without the full co-operation of other branches of the industry.

Who says the producer is not doing his share in this Post-War World?

TWO MONTHS' CONSUMPTION

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Comments on Wheat Floor

Commenting on the announcement of the five years' dollar floor price for wheat, J. E. Brownlee, K.C., LL.D., Vice-President of United Grain Growers, Ltd., stated that all farm organizations had been urging a floor under wheat prices for years, and that the price of \$1 would probably be considered "reasonably fair" by most farmers since it covered so many years.

Ben S. Plumer, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool, said a step in the right direction was being taken. A stable wheat price was important, but proper relationship of prices even more so. (Mr. Plumer's views were expanded

in an address reported in this issue.) George E. Church, President of the U.F.A., said his organization had consistently sought floor prices on all major farm products, and would welcome the announcement of the Dominion Government.

More hospitals for treating Indians, particularly those afflicted with tuberculosis, will be provided shortly, stated the Department of Indian Affairs recently, in announcing a program of assistance to Indians to cost \$12,000,000. The tuberculosis death rate among Indians, in 1943, was 692 per 100,000, as compared to 46 for the other sections of the population in Canada.

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary
Stability of Wheat Prices

At a recent meeting of the Executive of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, a resolution was passed endorsing the statements made by our farm leaders with regard to the five-year policy for wheat.

Stability in markets has always been an objective of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, and they believe that farmers, in looking to the future, are prepared to forfeit temporary benefits in favor of a satisfactory long term policy.

The thought that any price can only be comparative was emphasized. The price that the farmer pays for his machinery, gas and oil, clothes and other commodities, must be kept in line, or one dollar wheat will not mean any more than 50 cents wheat did in the 30's.

It is hoped that the Dominion Government, by adopting a long-term wheat policy, is contemplating the definite continuation of the Wheat Board to market our grains, and if necessary the maintenance of the quota system.

Meat Rationing

What is the answer? Europe needs beef. Canada can supply more meat by rationing, but too many groups of people are thinking of their own personal convenience and profit.

Butchers and packers, longshoremen and miners have either been out on strike or talking strike. But what about the producer?

Watch for New Address

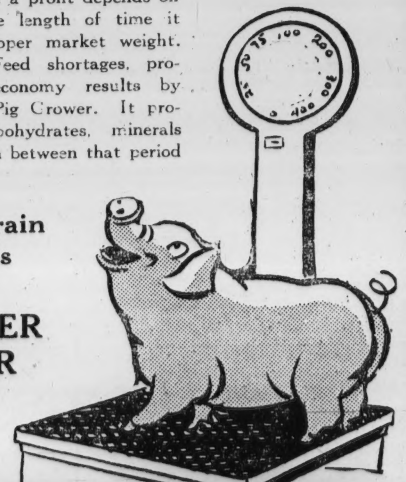
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NINTH VICTORY LOAN

While the objective of Canada's Ninth Victory Loan—one and a half billion dollars—is larger than that of any that preceded it, it will cover Canada's borrowings for the next twelve months, making it unnecessary to have another campaign next spring. This will mean a substantial saving in time, effort and expense.

The investor, knowing that he will not be called upon to subscribe again for another year, may be well advised to increase the amount of his subscription very substantially.

Farm people are no less concerned in the success of the new Victory Loan than any other class in our community. Production for war purposes, it is true, has come to an end. National expenditures will be reduced during the coming year, but the supply of new commodities at current prices is still far below the volume of money in the hands of the Canadian people. This condition is likely to continue for some time, and so long as it does, there will be an upward pressure upon prices. Such pressure is inflationary in its tendency; and every class in the community, with the exception of speculators, would stand to lose were runaway inflation to occur, the farmer, no less than others. The farmer is seeking stability in prices of farm products and he knows that stability in his costs of production is essential to the satisfactory carrying on of his farming operations.

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In an article which we print elsewhere in this issue, James R. McFall, the Secretary of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, points out that the building of reserves to stabilize the farmer's business has always been regarded as essential to sound operation. These reserves, of course, may be in the form of hay and grain for feed purposes. A surplus of feed "may represent indirectly a reserve of finances." But beyond that, "the necessity for a liquid financial reserve", Mr. McFall indicates, is quite clear.

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We commend this brief article by the Secretary of the Federation to the attention of all our readers. It will be to the advantage of agriculture as a whole and of the individual farmer that the Ninth Victory Loan shall smash all past records.

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FIVE-YEAR FLOOR PRICE

We don't know any farmers who have not welcomed the setting of a five-year floor price for wheat, however opinions may differ as to the minimum price. In the address which is reported elsewhere, Ben Plumer presented to an audience of city people the unanswerable argument for the floor price policy.

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RATIONING

Canada is positively committed by virtue of agreements entered into by her own representatives at San Francisco. As a member of the United Nations she assumed certain obligations for the relief of distress in those parts of the world which have suffered the devastation of war.

Canada is in honor bound to discharge her obligations, and every one of us is in honor bound to assist her in doing so.

These obligations the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and its member organizations recognize fully. That Canada can supply more meat by

THE FARMER

*The Farmer Feeds the World. Should e'er he fail
To sow the seed and reap the ripened grain,
No wheel would turn, nor any ship set sail,
Nor merchant count his tale of loss and gain.
No friendly smoke would greet the dawning day,
No lamplight cleave the falling of the dark;
The city street would crumble and decay,
And time obliterate man's passing mark.*

*The farmer asks no bribe, and makes no threat,
But, year by year, he presses one demand—
Right for the wrongs by which he is beset,
And justice done to all who till the land.
Justice, no more, no less, is all he craves—
He feeds the world but ranks among its slaves.*

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

(The opening words in Isa Grindlay Jackson's sonnet will be familiar to all of our readers who have listened to National Farm Radio Forum. The Forum's first broadcast of the present season will be given on October 29th.—Editor.)

rationing is emphasized by the Secretary of the Alberta Federation in this issue.

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Rationing has not been instituted because (as we note has been suggested in the correspondence columns of some newspapers) Donald Gordon was born in Scotland and therefore "wants to pamper" his own people a bit. It will be a good many years, incidentally, before the people of Britain can again hope to enjoy even their pre-war standard of living.

Reading the headlines in the daily press during recent weeks one might form the impression that the vast majority of the people of Canada were in revolt against rationing. Yet a recent Gallup poll showed them to be overwhelmingly in favor of its continuance while the need lasts. We didn't notice a single big headline emphasizing the declaration in favor of rationing by the National Council of Women.

Captain Harper Prowse, one of the servicemen elected last year to the Alberta Legislature, recently published in the *Calgary Herald* a number of pointers for civilians who want to make sure that the fighting men arriving back from the battlefronts get "the right impression". One of the "Don'ts" is this: "Don't try to impress him with the difficulties of meat rationing—he'll probably laugh at you."

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture, as we showed last week, is rightly making every effort to ensure against the rationing system being operated to the detriment of the livestock producers. If it should so operate, of course, it would tend to defeat its own purpose. A sound price policy is needed.

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NOT HEADLINED IN DAILY PRESS

"Advance Treasury statistics indicate that United States corporation profits, after taxes, have averaged \$9 billion a year, or around three times prewar levels, since Pearl Harbor. These are the biggest profits in history. Nathan Robertson, able writer for *PM*, has analyzed them. Average profits for the four prewar years 1936-39, were \$3.3 billion; in 1943 they were more than three times that. Besides this, corporations have gained some \$4 billion in new plant, paid for by government, and have unestimated billions coming back to them in tax refunds."—Washington Notes in *The New Republic*.

Detailed Story of War Assets Sales

Interesting Statistics of August Sales Totalling \$6,271,800.

MONTREAL, P.Q.—During August disposal of surplus war materials realized \$6,271,800, War Assets Corporation announces. Of this \$4,443,300 came from sales to the public in Canada and Newfoundland; \$889,400 sales to foreign buyers and relief agencies; \$939,000 disposals to Federal Government Departments. Sales by commodity groups:

Machine tools and equipment, \$1,370,000; miscellaneous consumer goods, \$941,000; engines, machinery and miscellaneous industrial goods, \$832,450; clothing and footwear, \$821,670; scrap, \$477,350; aircraft, components and equipment, \$409,780; metals, \$346,480; hardware, plumbing, electrical and building equipment and supplies, \$194,000; automotive equipment and supplies, \$190,000; foodstuffs and drugs, \$111,500; radio and radar sets and parts, \$96,700; auction sales, \$90,800; real estate and buildings, \$87,866; office and camp equipment, \$59,600; textiles and products, \$25,800; fire fighting equipment, \$25,650; paint, \$10,500. Almost the entire receipts for clothing and footwear, some \$821,000, represented sales to relief agencies, including the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

Food or New War

MONTREAL, Que.—If the liberation of Europe is not to become a mockery, immediate provision must be made of food, clothing, housing and medical supplies, declared Edward J. Phelan, of the International Labor Office, here. Famine, disease, and despair must be conquered, he warned, "before they again poison the body politic of Europe," which would lead to a new war.



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First International Co-op Gathering Since 1940

LONDON, Eng., Oct. 3rd.—Representatives of co-ops in fourteen countries met here recently for the first international co-operative gathering since 1940, convened by the International Co-operative Alliance. The gathering approved in principle the creation of an International Co-operative Petroleum Association, and set up a special committee to work out plans for putting it into operation. A full congress of the Alliance will be held as early as possible.

Creation of public opinion in favor of world peace and world security was the function of the United Nations Society, declared Russell T. Kelley, of Hamilton, president of the society in Canada, during a recent tour of the West.

PLUMER
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and particularly so in Canada. While in the Dominion the farm population is only about 28 per cent of the total population, in most countries it requires fifty per cent of the people to produce sufficient food for domestic requirements. The mechanization of agriculture and the efficiency of the Canadian farmer have resulted in less people being required on farms in this country.

"What I have outlined shows the importance of wheat in the agricultural economy and, consequently, in the economy of the nation and of the world. It can thus be seen that if wheat prices are allowed to decline much below the general price level, you have the makings of an agricultural depression, and when agriculture is depressed there can be no general prosperity.

From League of Nations Report

"In 1931, the League of Nations published a report entitled *Agriculture as a World Problem*. An extract therefrom: 'Both in the number of countries and in the number of commodities affected, the prevailing agricultural depression is without precedent. This widespread depression naturally constitutes a menace to the economic equilibrium of the world, owing to the restricted buying power of the largest section of the world's population. This diminishing purchasing power of the farmer is bound to influence the state of the industrial worker all over the world. The farmer's bushel of wheat or bale of cotton buys steadily less of the goods he requires.' The conclusion of the report was that the depression of agricultural products was at the bottom of the world crisis, and the low price of wheat was the principal cause of depressed agriculture.

To Prevent Recurrence

"The present trend is to develop plans to prevent a recurrence of the agricultural depression in the post-war years through developing plans calculated to provide floor prices for agricultural products and particularly wheat. All this is behind the Canadian Government's recently announced policy for wheat, which guarantees a bottom price of a dollar a bushel, basis One Northern at the terminals at Fort William and Vancouver for a period of five years.

"The people of Western Canada do not want to go through another period such as that which occurred during most of the 1930's. During the seven years from 1931 to 1937 there was a decline of two and one-half million dollars in the gross value of agricultural production in the Prairie Provinces as compared with the corresponding value from 1924 to 1930, of which decline more than half was accounted for by lower prices. That meant that the drop in prices of farm products resulted in a cut in what might be termed as farm wages of one and one-quarter billion dollars in seven years, or about one hundred and seventy-eight million a year. That loss in cash to the farmers resulted in the destruction of their buying power, unemployment, unpaid debts and taxes, and serious economic and political disturbances.



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"The same situation occurred in the United States and all over the world. Said Dr. M. K. Bennett, economist with the food research institute of Stanford University: 'Somehow or other there is a bottom return to producers for a bushel of wheat below which governments seemingly cannot allow the price to fall. If the return goes too low, social and political disturbances become more important than the economic disturbances that come if prices are allowed to go wherever economic forces send them.' 'Between 1926 and 1933 wheat prices in Canada fell 59.7 points while the general wholesale index fell only 31 points.

"The historic method of disposing of wheat in Canada was through what is known as the speculative system. The exchange provided a meeting place for buyers and sellers in cash grain and in what is known as 'futures'. This proved convenient for grain and elevator companies, flour millers and bankers, because the futures market provided a method of hedging against losses for all those interested. The catch is that in order to function efficiently a substantial number of speculators participating in buying and selling are necessary. Most of these speculators are what might be termed as small gamblers, farmers, lawyers, brick layers, dentists—women as well as men—whose knowledge of the general situation is necessarily limited, but who could with a hundred dollars or so buy a thousand bushel of wheat for future delivery.

Weakness of System

"The weakness of the system is that when speculative confidence fades prices fall. There is no security for the producers under such a system based on the whims and fancies of an ill-informed speculative multitude.

"Canada's experience in wheat marketing has demonstrated that a government wheat board can do an efficient job and that speculation in the disposal of food is not necessary. Furthermore, a government wheat board can do what the speculative market cannot, namely, provide a measure of price security.

"In my opinion there was no necessity for the disastrous decline in prices of farm products during the depression years. I will not say that declines could have been prevented in the face of world conditions. It is quite in order for prices to rise and fall within reasonable limitations, but when the price of wheat in Calgary gets below the price of sawdust things have gone entirely too far.

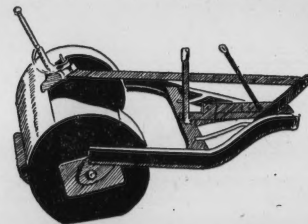
Farmers Not Rapacious

"Our farmers are not rapacious. During the war they have submitted to price ceilings far below prices prevailing during World War I. How many other classes in our national life have done likewise? Farmers have produced to the limit of their ability. The thought of curtailment of the production of food never occurred to them. Right now it might well be possible if a speculative marketing

system was in operation, that wheat prices would rise well above the \$1.55 prevailing for export sales, but we hear of no widespread agitation for a booming speculative market. Farmers were never more content than under the present wheat board system of selling. All of them receive the same initial price, less freight, for the same grade of wheat. They do not have to worry from day to day over the market going up or down ten, fifteen or twenty cents. When the wheat is sold by the board the balance of cash received is distributed equitably among those who delivered same."

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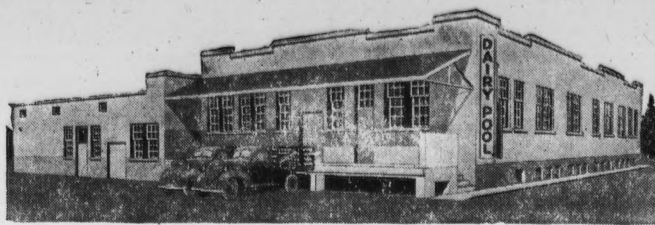
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SOUTHERN ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION



Two Valuable Bulletins

NOTE.—We have selected for publication below two valuable news bulletins among many issued by the Alberta Department of Agriculture.

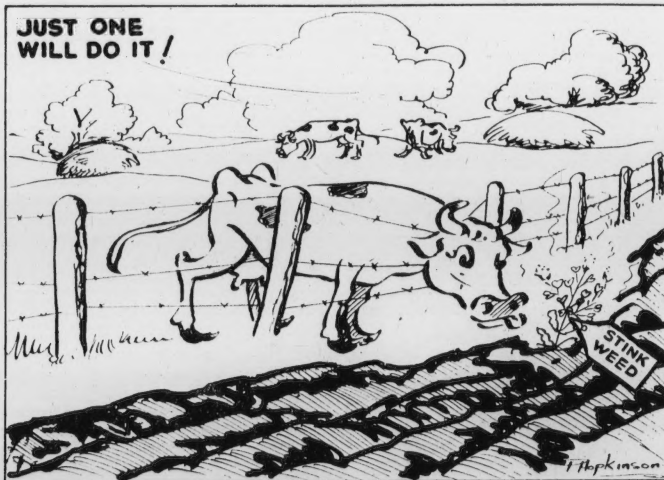
The first is of importance to owners of dairy herds. The prevention of weed flavors in milk and cream is a matter to which all of us need to give especial attention at this time.

The second article, by Mr. le Maistre, is of especial interest to beekeepers. The advice he gives, all of us should heed.

Yours fraternally,

Wm Burns

President.



Some good suggestions in regard to the prevention of weed flavors in milk and cream are given in a recent issue of notes of the Alberta Department of Agriculture. It is pointed out that a little care at this season of the year can do much to prevent these flavors occurring. Stinkweed, the source of one of the most disagreeable of these flavors,

makes rapid growth on summerfallow early in the fall and may be eaten by cows when in the tender stage. Wherever possible, milk cows should be kept off all pastures and fields infested with this weed. If this is not practicable, cows should be removed from stinkweed infested fields at least three or four hours before milking. The longer the interval the less the possibility of tainted milk.

Screenings at Threshing Settings

Another source of stinkweed flavor is the screenings at threshing settings which contain stinkweed seeds. The substance causing the distinctive flavor of stinkweed is highly concentrated in these seeds. All screenings around threshing machines should be removed or burned before allowing milk cows to pasture such fields.

If taint is suspected, each cow should be milked into an empty pail, so that by taste and smell the cows producing the tainted milk can be determined. The tainted milk can then be separated by itself or used for feeding live stock on the farm. Carefully check and test the flavor of cream from each individual separation before adding to the shipping can.

Young Bees Necessary for Successful Wintering

We are glad to have the opportunity to publish in our Southern Alberta Dairy Pool section of *The Leader* a word of advice from the Provincial Apiarist, W. G. le Maistre, upon a matter of importance to beekeepers, given in a recent bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture at Edmonton.

Mr. le Maistre advises all beekeepers to check their colonies at this time, and decide to winter only those that contain some five or six frames of brood, and a queen that is still laying eggs in one or two of the combs. He points out that if colonies are to be wintered successfully, the presence of an ample supply of young bees is essential.

Hives that contain only two or three frames of brood should not be wintered. Old bees that have been working in the field during the late summer and fall cannot be expected to have much vitality when the time for spring work arrives. Young bees that have done little work in the fall, will winter well and be in good condition in the spring to ensure satisfactory returns.

It is much better to winter a reduced number of colonies in proper condition than to try to winter several, some of which may be lacking in brood or young bees. Where there are two hives, neither of which has enough brood to make wintering a success, the brood and young bees may be united and the old bees from one of the colonies destroyed.

Feeding Bees for Winter

The food requirements of a colony should be looked after around the middle of September. They should be looked after in any case if possible not later than the time you receive this issue of *The Western Farm Leader*. It may be safe in some seasons to delay this until the middle of October, but total colony requirements should certainly be in the hive by this date. Cases are reported of colonies being fed all through the winter months, but this practice is not a good one. It may stimulate brood rearing during the winter, which is likely to result in over activity and a very weak colony in the spring.

Beekeepers are reminded by the Provincial Apiarist that the sugar situation is very critical. Provision must be made to reserve sufficient honey if the bees are to winter successfully. The amount of sugar that may be allowed for feeding bees will be insufficient unless at least 40 pounds of honey is reserved out of the honey crop.

Dried fish and whale are the only meat available in Norway, states a service-man who visited that country prior to returning to Canada.

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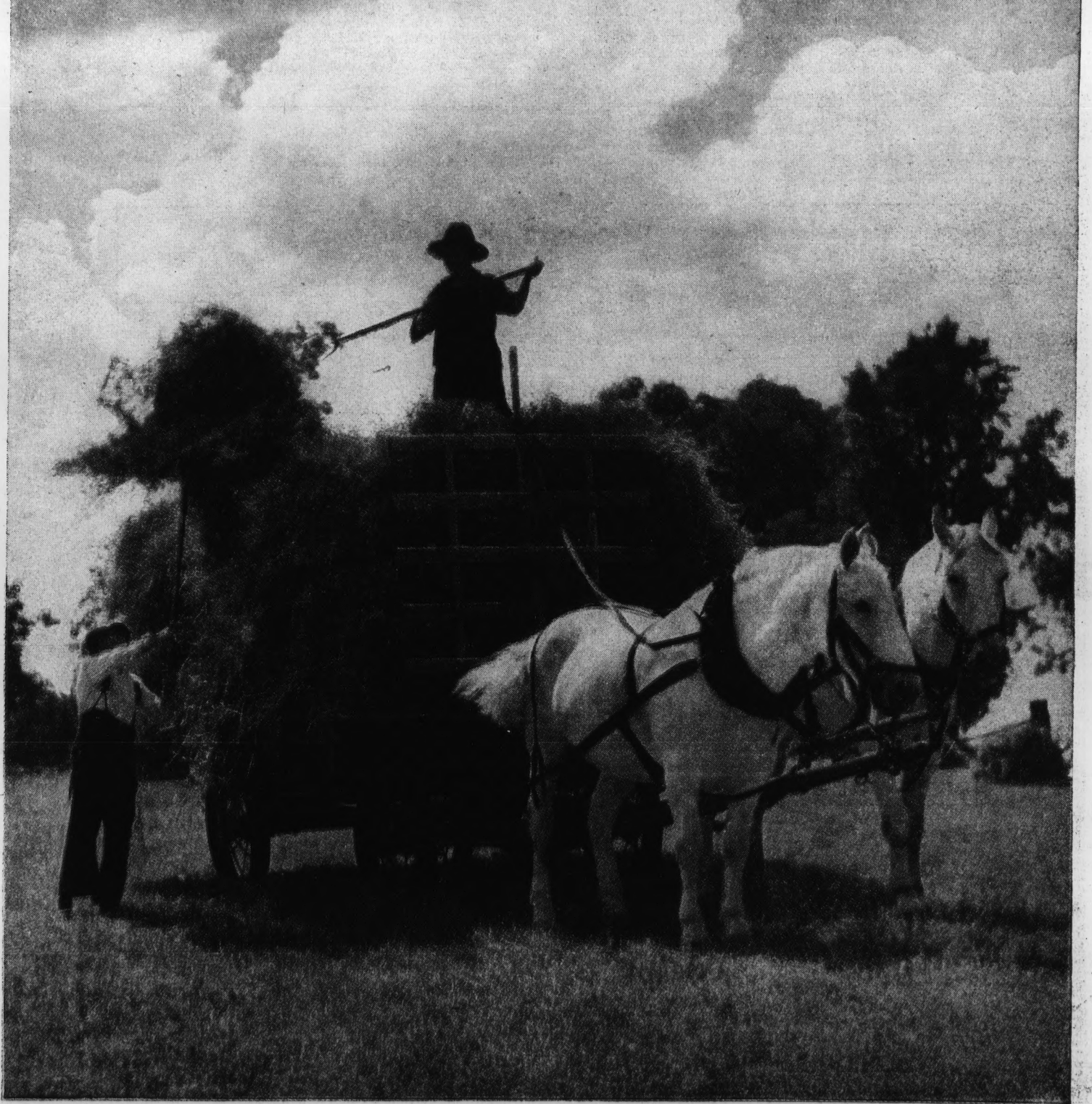
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Liberation of millions of people throughout Europe and the Pacific means tremendous demand for foodstuffs.

We must co-operate with our Allies in bringing essential help to liberated countries.

The farmers of Canada must produce more food on the land than at any previous time.

The story of the Canadian farmers' production fight is an important chapter in the history of the war.

While he has been short of labor and short of machinery—he has not been short of the will to produce more and more. Not only has our Canadian farmer done a mag-

nificent job in valiantly supporting our war effort by production, but by buying Victory Bonds as well. The farmer will again give his full support to the 9th Victory Loan. He realizes the value of Victory Bonds as an investment.

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"Social Problems" was the title of
an interesting and educational address
by Mrs. Peters, Director, at a recent
meeting of Roosevelt U.F.W.A. (Wool-
ford), writes Mrs. Florence Neilson.

Arrowwood U.F.W.A. at a recent
meeting voted to ask the Highway
Traffic Board to inspect school vans
coming to Arrowwood school. Read-
ing of the bulletins was enjoyed, as
well as a useful paper on storage of
vegetables, by Mrs. John Williams.

Interests of The United Farm Women

A PRAYER WORTH REPEATING

Warwick Farm,
Edgerton, Alberta.

Dear Farm Women:

I am quite sure I must have copied
this for you before, because I consider
it so very good. It is a prayer which,
by way of preface, is quoted as hanging
outside the door of the Refectory of
the Cathedral at Chester. If there
are any of the older readers from that
part of the country they may know
whether or not that is so. Or possibly
some of the younger people may be in
a position to verify or deny it, for
many of our young people today are
seeing—shall I say strange new sights
or strange old sights? In any case,
here it is:

"Give me a good digestion, Lord,
And also something to digest;
Give me a healthy body, Lord,
With sense to keep it at its best.
Give me a healthy mind, Good Lord,
To keep the good and pure in sight,
Which seeing sin is not appalled
But finds a way to set it right.
Give me a mind that is not bored
That does not whimper, whine or sigh;
Don't let me worry over-much
About the fussy thing called 'I'.
Give me a sense of humor, Lord,
Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some pleasure out of life
And pass it on to other folk."

A Good Excuse

Now, as I said, I have probably
written this before, but my excuse
for repeating it is that we do repeat
our prayers. A great many of us can
remember "Saying our Prayers" as a
bed-time duty from the time we were
very, very small. Later on in life
we may not have been as regular in
repeating them; our habits, our view-
point may have changed. But in any

case we all have sincere, heart-felt
desires that become a prayer.

So re-read this and see if we would
not be living a more full, a more
worth-while life if these petitions were
answered. Some of us may feel we
need to stress one more than another.
There are sure to be different needs,
different desires we have for ourselves.
Incidentally, some others might think
of some of us that it would be just as
well if we stressed the one, "Don't
let me worry over-much about the
fussy thing called 'I'!"

But as I say, I think it would be
a good idea if we all re-read it and
re-read it as our personal prayer.
Also it would be well to remember the
maxim in Poor Richard's Almanac,
"The Lord helps those who help
themselves."

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

U.F.W.A. Local News

Stony Plain U.F.W.A. have planned
a White Elephant sale for their October
meeting.

Plans for a "Welcome Home" dance
for seven local boys from overseas
were made at a recent meeting of
Spring Valley U.F.W.A. (Lacombe).

A shower of canned fruit and veget-
ables for one of their members was
planned at a recent meeting of Jenny
Lind U.F.W.A. (Scandia).

Brooks U.F.W.A. are urging their
members to have their families tested
when the T.B. mobile clinic visits
their town this month.

At a recent picnic meeting arranged
by Warner U.F.W.A., Miss Molly
Cupland spoke on the progress of
the farm women's organization, and
Mrs. Anne Peters gave a talk on family
allowances.

Committees were set up, at a
recent meeting of Rosyth U.F.W.A.,
to serve lunch at dances in the Com-
munity Hall; during August, it was
reported that over \$66 was cleared
in this way. These ladies are packing
a box of clothing for Norwegian relief.

Though dry weather in the summer
made the exhibits generally somewhat
poorer in quality than last year, the
Flower Show sponsored by Alix U.F.
W.A. was quite successful, reports
Mrs. Alice M. Nielsen, and there
was a profit of \$41.40.

The bulletin "Education for Rural
Living" was tops, declares Mrs. Alice
Belanger, secretary of Clyde U.F.W.A.
At their last meeting, this Local heard
an appeal by Mrs. G. Kinsman on
behalf of the clothing drive.

Though in a busy season, the last
meeting of Grand Meadow U.F.W.A.
(Ponoka) was well attended. Mrs.
D. E. Bartley, secretary, writes:
"It was a very, very enjoyable after-
noon, and the ladies of Hillside are to
be congratulated for their part in
making it so." The secretary was
instructed to take up with the Muni-
cipal secretary the matter of more
effective weed control.

To Lessen Hardships

Russia has undertaken to provide
Rumania with 165,000 short tons of
wheat and 165,000 short tons of corn,
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Farm, Home & Garden

When we know that Canadian meat
is so desperately needed in Britain,
where food rations are reduced even
below war-time levels, and in liberated
Europe, we are all willing to do what
we can to save meat, and to use meat
"extenders" and substitutes. Of course
this involves some extra planning, and
here are a few ideas that may help:

Plymouth Stew: Chop coarsely
6 medium carrots, 1 small turnip,
2 onions, 2 stalks celery; cook in salted
boiling water 15 minutes; add 1 pack-
age macaroni, 4 tbs. dripping, 1 cube
Oxo; cook another 15 minutes or until
macaroni is tender, adding water if
necessary to prevent scorching.

Cheese Sauce: With cauliflower or
cabbage. Thicken 2-1/2 cups milk
with 4 tbs. flour, add 1/2 tsp. salt and
3/4 cup grated cheese. Set over low
heat until cheese melts.

Croquettes: To any cooked, minced
meat add an equal quantity of mashed
potato or cooked rice; form into balls
or patties with gravy or white sauce,
fry.

Meat Loaf: To 1 lb. hamburger add
1 cup rolled oats, seasoning, 1 tsp.
each minced-onion and parsley, 1-1/2
cups boiling water (drained from
vegetables), and 1 beaten egg. Bake
1 hour in moderate oven.

Bean Soup: Soak 1 cup dried beans
overnight, in 6 cups cold water.
Cook 1 hour in same water, add 1/4
cup chopped onion, 1/2 cup chopped
carrot, 1 tsp. salt, and cook 1 hour;
press through sieve, if you like; add
1 tbs. vinegar, 2 tsp. brown sugar,
1/4 tsp. dry mustard, 1/4 cup bacon
or pork drippings.

Cold Meat may be "stretched"
by serving in white sauce, on toast,
with vegetables; baked in white sauce
seasoned with celery or onion, or
both, and topped with buttered crumbs;
or in a pie, with vegetables and thick
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with curry sauce and rice; sliced and
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Junior News Items

Balzac Junior U.F.A. enjoyed a debate after their last meeting. They are arranging a banquet for the parents of members.

Hiram Junior U.F.A. was formed recently in the Coronation district, Gladys Pringle being the organizer in charge. Floris Looy was elected president and Laura Calkins secretary.

At the recent Red Deer Garden Club Fair, Morrin Juniors won first prize with a fine display of flowers, fruits and vegetables, writes Helen Storch.

POST-WAR CHRONICLE

Sept. 20th.—Thirteen thousand unburied bodies were found in Belsen concentration camp, revealed at Luenberg trials. Korea to be given independence in due time, states U.S. military governor. Major part Jap home army now disarmed.

Sept. 21st.—British casualties 275 per cent of American, British war expenditures 50 per cent greater, states Keynes; U.K. debt rose to 40 per cent greater than that of U.S.; also 55 per cent of Britain's labor forces were in war production, 40 per cent in U.S., Britain's loss of external investments 35 times as heavy as those of U.S. Japs were preparing to bomb West Coast of Canada, U.S., when war ended.

Sept. 22nd.—Britain, U.S., are developing defences against atomic bomb. Member Jap royal family denies rumor Hirohito may abdicate. "Big Five" discuss Rumanian, Hungarian peace treaties; Russian-Hungarian trade agreement disturbs British, is London report.

Sept. 23rd.—Editor *Maple Leaf*, Canadian Army newspaper, removed from post following criticisms of early repatriation N. R.M.A. men Japs not ready for January election, don't understand politics, states Kenoye. Kagawa would have preferred death to Allied victory, is report. Indian Congress committee says nothing short of complete independence will be acceptable; will defend Indians who joined Jap-sponsored "India National Army".

Sept. 24th.—Haile Selassie urges Eritrea, Somaliland, be handed to



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Final payment will be made to all members of Alberta Poultry Producers, Ltd., at the rate of one and one-half cents per dozen, one cent being in cash and one-half cent in Reserve Share Certificates. Distribution will be made to members on all commercial grades of eggs marketed through the association during the year ending September 29th, 1945.

This definite announcement is made in an official statement by the head office of the organization in Edmonton; which further sets forth that:

"The last final payment on eggs was made at the end of the six months period ending September 30th, 1944, and while this payment was at a similar rate it was considered prudent at that time to distribute a greater proportion in Reserve Share Certificates so as to maintain a sound financial position.

Result of Members' Loyal Support

"The money represented by Reserve Share Certificates is used to retire the capital loan, to purchase new equipment and premises and to provide reserves for contingencies and operating capital. The loyal support of members and a marked improvement in efficiency in operation have been factors in improving the financial position to the point where the directors consider that a greater proportion of cash can now be safely distributed.

Small Operating Margin

"During the year ending September 29th, 1945, Alberta Poultry Producers, Ltd., marketed over nine million dozens of eggs. Most of these eggs were sold to the Special Products Board to be processed into egg-powder for consignment to the British Ministry of Food.

"While the production of this large volume of eggs was a real contribution on the part of members to the war effort. It should be remembered that during the period of peak production, eggs were purchased at pegged prices, which largely eliminated sales hazards and, as a result, the margin between prices paid producers and wholesale prices was small. Despite this small margin, Alberta Poultry Producers, Ltd., has, during the past year, been able to purchase much-needed equipment and make substantial additions to premises to cope with increased volume of business, without incurring any further capital debt.

Service at Cost

"Like other co-operative associations, Alberta Poultry Producers, Ltd., was established to provide a fair and efficient service to its members at cost. It was organized during the war years when competent help and the necessary equipment were difficult to obtain.

In spite of these difficulties the members of this association have, through their loyalty and foresight, set up a soundly based egg and poultry-marketing organization, second to none in Canada, that has already been an influence in setting a high standard of grading throughout Alberta. Since its inception in the year 1940, Alberta Poultry Producers, Ltd., has distributed to its members over \$550,000.00 in the form of Final Payments.

Before End of October
"Members can expect their final payment cheques before the end of October, 1945. If you are a member and have not received your final payment by October 31st, you are asked to get in touch with the operator in charge of your local egg-grading station or write to the Secretary, Alberta Poultry Producers, Ltd., 10207-108th Street, Edmonton, Alberta."



"Objective Burma", charge "in- Dr. H. J. LASKI international bad taste" in overlooking fact 670,000 British troops in Burma, 7,000 Americans.

Sept. 26th.—Better atmosphere reported "Big Five" conference, as Pacific affairs discussed. Natives of Indo-China attack French. Opposi-

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A.L.C. PRESS STATEMENT

Livestock producers of Alberta are just as much alive as any other citizens to the necessity of exporting every available pound of surplus meat to the hungry countries of Europe, said Hugh W. Allen, president Alberta Livestock Co-operative, in a recent press statement. They feel, however, he continued, that government policy in the past two years has given no encouragement to increased livestock production, but has rather encouraged the belief that producers would be wise to prepare for a post-war slump in export demand. Bonuses on feed grain, and the short crop of coarse grains in this Province have hastened the movement out of livestock in Alberta. Mr. Allen concludes that a clear cut statement of government policy in respect to livestock is long overdue.

**McFall Urges Strong
Support by Farmers,
Ninth Victory Loan**

**Stresses Farmers' Need to Build
Up Liquid Financial
Reserves Today**

"The war is over, but Canada needs money to build the peace," states James R. McFall, Secretary of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, in an article especially written for the occasion of the Ninth Victory Loan campaign and forwarded to The Western Farm Leader.

Stresses Value of Reserves

Mr. McFall's article follows: The need for reserves to stabilize the farmer's business has always been looked upon as an essentiality.

The Dominion Government, through the P.F.R.A. and the Experimental Farm Services, has stressed the need for reserve supplies of hay and grain for feed purposes and has demonstrated the feasibility of storing large quantities of hay over a period of years. Our Provincial Government through their agricultural Extension Service has also encouraged the establishment of feed and seed supplies to stabilize farm practices and to prevent hardship in years of crop failure.

Widespread Feed Shortage

These policies were given most prominence in the drier areas, where the risk in farming is greatest. However, our experiences this year with hail and drought emphasize the fact that such conservation policies must be adopted over the whole of the Province, as areas that have been considered free from the ravages of drought are now facing a definite shortage of feed grains and hay to maintain their livestock production.

Surplus of feed and seed may represent indirectly a reserve of finances, nevertheless, the need for a liquid financial reserve should be

The Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
Superintendent of Publicity,
Alberta Wheat Pool

The outstanding event in the world of wheat was the announcement by the Canadian Government that a floor price of a dollar a bushel, basis 1 Northern at the terminal, would be maintained for five years, or until 1950. At the same time the Minister of Trade and Commerce stated that the ceiling price would be \$1.55 a bushel for exports during the crop year.

While there are disputations about the amount of the floor price, the most important thing is the fact that for the first time in the history of wheat production in Canada an effective, long-time floor price has been established. That objective has been strenuously striven for by farm organizations for many years.

Orthodox business, and particularly the grain trade, has shown little enthusiasm about a floor price for wheat. The *Financial Post* points out that commodity price fixing schemes have run into trouble in the past. It cites the instances of coffee in Brazil, rubber in the East Indies and so on. It ventures the point that competing countries may undersell Canada in export markets.

The *Post* overlooks the fact that Canada is selling its surplus this year at a reasonable price, all factors being considered, and on most lenient terms.

It is quite probable that Australian wheat growers will not be satisfied with anything less than comparable prices to those prevailing in Canada and the Government in Argentina will likely be forced to take a similar view. There will be no trouble with the United States, where wheat prices are around 35 cents a bushel higher than in Canada, provided the Government there does not undertake heavy bonusing of exports. Such an action would certainly precipitate trouble.

Bad weather has hindered harvesting all over Western Canada, and soaking rains and snow may result in a lowering of the grade of unharvested crops. This has been a most vexatious year with bad harvest weather ending a sequence of tribulations—late spring, drought, insect pests and hail.

In the meantime Canadian wheat exports are proceeding at a rapid pace, much heavier than during the autumn of 1944.

considered by itself as a separate unit.

All businesses, individual, corporate or co-operative, endeavor to establish reserves to tide them over depression periods. Farming is a business that is exposed to more uncontrollable factors than most other enterprises. Thus it is imperative that the farmer should make every effort to establish liquid financial reserves.

The Alberta Farmer invested \$54,450,000 in the last eight Victory Loans and will undoubtedly buy his share in the Ninth Victory Loan Campaign.

A.F.A. Urges Support

The Alberta Federation of Agriculture would urge farmers to continue their support in the ninth loan to the best of their ability.

The war is over, but Canada needs money to help build the peace. Money is needed to rehabilitate our returned boys, to prevent inflation and to stabilize prices. You need Government bonds as a sound basis for establishing a financial reserve to protect and stabilize your business.

Bonds can be used for bank security to obtain low interest loans, or they can be readily converted to cash should an emergency arise. The opportunity is yours; buy bonds that are safe, that return satisfactory dividends, that are readily convertible.

Southern Alberta Hutterites are buying large tracts of land in Montana.

Livestock Markets, Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Oct. 2nd.—Market steady on heavy butcher cattle, light butcher cattle draggy. Hogs last sold \$17.80 Grade A, yards and plants, sows \$10.75 to \$11 live-weight. Good lambs \$10.75 to \$11.25, good ewes and yearlings \$4 to \$7. Good to choice butcher steers \$10.75 to \$11.25, down to \$8 for common; good butcher heifers \$9.50 to \$10, down to \$7; good cows \$8 to \$8.50. Canners and cutters \$4 to \$5.50; good bulls \$7.50 to \$8, down to \$6. Good to choice veal calves \$9 to \$9.50, common to medium \$7 to \$8.50. Good stocker feeder steers \$9 to \$9.75, down to \$7.50.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Oct. 2nd.—Trading active during past week, prices fully steady. Receipts were exceptionally heavy, but all offerings moved easily. Practical top on steers was \$11, bulk from \$10 down. Bulk good heifers \$10 down. Good cows closed \$7.50 to \$8; bulls unchanged from \$5.50 to \$7.50. Stockers and feeders of suitable quality in fair demand, plain kinds very slow; good steers \$8 to \$9, heifers \$7.50 down, cows \$6.50 down. Good to choice veal calves \$10 to \$11, common to a low of \$5. Hogs steady. Grade A \$17, for shipment \$17.90. Spring lambs \$10 to \$11, off cars \$11 to \$11.50.

The Dairy Market

Toronto and Montreal quotations are 34 5/8; Vancouver, 34 1/8. Locally, there is no change; prints are 35 cents, butterfat 32 cents plus 10 cents subsidy.

Since May 1st last, more than 36,000 R.C.A.F. personnel have been repatriated from Europe.

Britain's contribution to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration operative fund has been \$360,000,000 to date and that of the United States \$198,000,000.

Disallowance of legislation passed by the new Saskatchewan Government is asked by the C.P.R. and by the Dominion Loan and Mortgage Corporation.

**C.F.A. Representative on
War Assets Corporation**

OTTAWA, Oct. 3rd.—L. C. Roy of Montreal, formerly of the Canadian National Railways, has been appointed to succeed R. A. Stewart of Almonte, Ontario, as representative of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and liaison officer for organized agriculture on the War Assets Corporation of Montreal. Liaison with the W.A.C. is maintained first to keep organized agriculture advised as to materials, equipment, etc., coming up from time to time for disposal as surplus; second to act in an advisory capacity to the officers of the corporation on agricultural matters.

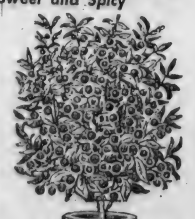
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Board of U.F.A. Central Co-op. Meets in Calgary

Reports presented at the meeting of the Executive and Board of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association, Limited, in Calgary last week, showed increasing business in all lines. The Calgary store reported sales exceeding \$55,000 in the month of August.

Future development in wholesaling among Canadian co-operatives was discussed. Regret was expressed that Dave Smeaton, manager of A.C.W.A. and Inter-Provincial Co-op Wholesale, was unable to be present on account of illness.

The Board surveyed the progress made in erection of the large addition to the Calgary premises, now roofed in and enclosed, with the exception of the plate glass store front.

Plan Expansion of Outlets

Oil control regulations having been removed, the Board conferred with George Bradley, manager of Maple Leaf Petroleum, on expansion of outlets for distribution of gasoline and oils in parts of the Province not yet covered by U.F.A. Co-op agencies. A detailed review was given of a survey of U.F.A. Co-op-Maple Leaf agencies in the Peace River area by W. J. Hoppins, petroleum supervisor, who had spent two weeks in the territory with Mr. Bradley. An increase of nearly 10 per cent in sales of Maple Leaf Co-op gasoline was recorded for the first eight months of 1945 over that period in 1944.

Preliminary arrangements were made for the Annual Conference of U.F.A. Co-operatives in Calgary in the last week of November.

U.F.A. Central Co-operative will affiliate with the Co-operative Union of Canada. The decision was made in response to a letter from A. B. MacDonald of Ottawa, national organizer of the Co-operative Union. The Chairman, George E. Church, and general manager, Norman F. Priestley, will be delegates to the national Congress of the Union, to be held in Winnipeg November 26th, 27th and 28th.

Present at the meeting were Geo. E. Church, chairman; M. H. Ward, vice-chairman; D. H. Smith, C. A. Fawcett, Rudolph Hennig, and Norman F. Priestley. Also attending during part of the time were J. R. Love, Edmonton, president of Alberta Co-operative Wholesale, and J. E. Brownlee, K.C., LL.D., solicitor and counsel.

OTTAWA LETTER (Continued from page 1)

the future course of markets. It is simply a rock bottom guarantee.

Difference as to Meaning of "Parity"

There has been difference of opinion in the House on what the term "parity prices" mean. It now transpires from an explanation of Mr. Braeken, leader of the Progressive Conservatives, that many believe that the term means the average of farm prices from 1926 to 1929. However vague its connotation may be, it is in any event the general foundation on which many members will seek to see floor prices laid. They will try to have these floor prices bear some defined relationship to these "parity" levels. Whether the Government has any such thing in mind may be another matter.

Gardiner on Feed Prices

In the House of Commons, Mr. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, speaking on Canadian livestock production, told the members that the Government's policy has been to keep feed prices in line with livestock prices. "The relationship as between barley and hogs in Western Canada," he said, "is almost exactly what it ought to be to permit of farmers deciding to feed or sell barley, and that is where we have been trying to keep it." The reason is that the farmers in Eastern Canada from

Lake Huron to the Atlantic cannot grow enough grain for the feeding of their livestock. They have to get it from Western Canada.

In connection with future shipments of bacon, Mr. Gardiner said: "If we in the Dominion of Canada can produce 450,000,000 pounds of bacon a year over and above what we require in this country for the years that are ahead of us, we shall just about be able to supply that part of the British market which we hope to retain when the war is over. Therefore we are asking every farmer in this country who has been accustomed to produce hogs, who likes to produce hogs, who has the facilities for producing hogs and who can produce hogs on the present return—and more particularly if he can produce them at a lower return and still make a profit—to stay in the business and help us to retain that market which we have done so much to build up during this period of war." The same kind of argument applies to beef. The contract also extends to the end of 1946. "There is no one in Canada who needs to have any fear that the price will be cut in the marketing of these livestock products, between now and the end of 1946, below the minimum which the contract establishes, if the stock is marketed orderly and the plants operate at capacity." After that, said the Minister, "we have the floor price measure to help us."

In view of the discouraging feed grain situation, agricultural authorities here state that it would be well for farmers to retain all grain and other seeds, to see that they are cleaned and stored. The tendency would be to use up seed for feed and that is to be avoided.

The crop of alfalfa seed this year is expected to be normal, and there are heavy demands for this seed from European countries, including Russia. There is a demand for clover, grass seeds, field peas and other seeds. There has been a bumper timothy seed crop, with brome and crested wheat grass sufficient to meet limited domestic and expected export demand.

The expansion of seed production has been one of the outstanding developments of Canadian agriculture during the war. This country formerly imported much of its seed. Now we have become self sufficient and are able to export in considerable quantity. The quality of Canadian grown seed is said to be higher than the seed imported before the war.

POST WAR—(Cont. from page 11) tion of Gestapo to Vatican revealed in records found in Berlin.

Sept. 27th.—Opposition leaders jailed by Argentine government; freedom of speech, press, suspended. Strikers in U.S. now total over 2,000,000.

Sept. 25th.—Three Canadian soldiers sentenced to 10, 25 years, life, convicted of aiding Nazis. Greece asks \$2,667 millions reparations from Italy. Chiang Kai-Shek reaches agreement with Communist leader in China, is Moscow report.

Sept. 23th.—MacArthur moves to stop newspaper censorship by Japanese. British troops land on Java to disarm Jap forces. Netherlands to make drive for Canadian trade, states Amsterdam despatch. Canada's war costs in current fiscal year to be \$3,365 millions, states Ilsey.

Sept. 30th.—Japanese banking institutions seized, operations "frozen", officials removed. Tension grows in Palestine. Socialists lead in French cantonal elections.

Oct. 1st.—France has arrested 6,000 Nazi sympathizers since liberation. 80,000 Jews murdered in one night, says witness in Belsen trial.

Oct. 2nd.—Bevin, Molotov, again clash; conference announces decision to "terminate present session". Mackenzie King, en route to London, will urge discussion by Council of United Nations replace "Big Five" sessions, is report.

Oct. 3rd.—Byrnes denies conference failure; is trying formulate compromise Balkan settlement. Moscow radio says Russia wants four-power control over Japan.



Government of the Province of Alberta

Announcements of Plans for Establishment of Veterans on Provincial Lands

LANDS available for disposition to veterans by the Department of Lands and Mines, are divided into four classes. However, no disposition of land will be made till there has been a soil investigation to determine that the land is suitable for the growing of crops. Application for land should be made at the Provincial Land Office. Provincial Land Offices are located at Edmonton, Calgary, Peace River and Sub-Agency Offices at Grande Prairie, Bonnyville, Hines Creek, Lac La Biche and Rocky Mountain House.

Provincial Lands Other Than School Lands

A veteran can obtain 320 acres of land under the Agricultural Lease regulations, irrespective of his other holdings. Application should be made at the Provincial Lands Agency for the district in which the land desired is situated. When application is made the land is immediately placed under reservation for the veteran until the soil investigation is made and when the report is received immediate consideration is given to the application and the veteran advised of the decision.

Under the Agricultural Lease the veteran pays no crop share during the three years following the granting of the lease, unless there has been an area previously cultivated; thereafter he pays to the province a one-eighth share of all crops grown on the land as rent and taxes. (He has no other charges to pay). In any year when the average yield of crops harvested is less than 5 bushels per acre, no crop share is payable.

When a veteran has completed the requirements of the lease in each of 10 years, he may receive, upon making application, title to the land or he may carry on under the terms of the lease.

Lands Cleared and Broken

The Government has entered into a contract for clearing and breaking of lands covered by brush and timber. These lands will be made available to veterans under regulations similar to the Agricultural Lease regulations with the exception that the veteran will have to deliver to the province in each year for seven years, subsequent to the issue of the lease, a one-third share of all crops grown on the land as rent and taxes. (He has no other charges to pay.) Arrangements will be made whereby the veteran will receive title at the end of 10 years, providing he has complied with the terms of the lease.

Lands Requiring Irrigation

At the present time certain proposed irrigation projects are being investigated and if found feasible and work is undertaken for the development of the project the Provincial lands within the irrigation project will be made available by sale at the nominal price of \$10.00 to veterans on the basis of a maximum of 160 acres to an applicant. Under this arrangement the veteran will be required to pay all taxes, water rates and other charges assessed against the land. (There are no lands at present available.)

School Lands

Veterans who were residents of Alberta at the time of enlistment can obtain under the Agricultural Lease regulations a maximum of 320 acres. (Lands already held under lease are not available for disposition.) As many of these lands are situated in settled areas the acreage obtainable will depend upon the location and shall be in the discretion of the Minister.

No lease shall be issued for these lands until after the 15th of April, 1946, and in the meantime applications will be accepted from eligible veterans. When making disposition of the land preference will be given to veterans residing within the district in which the land is situated and when there is more than one application for the same parcel of land disposition will be made at a drawing to take place after the aforesaid date. Where no preference is granted and more than one application is received for the same parcel of land disposition will be made at a drawing to take place after the aforesaid date. No application will be accepted for school land from a veteran who is already the owner of a farm in fee simple or holds farm lands under an Agreement of Sale. The Minister shall settle as he deems best all disputes which may arise between persons claiming the right to lease the same land.

All types of Agricultural Leases will require that the veteran reside upon the land or in the immediate vicinity, as provided in the regulations. When making application the veteran must deliver to the Agent of Provincial Lands a certificate from one of the Regional Offices, Soldier Settlement and Veterans' Land Act, certifying that he is a veteran within the meaning of The Veterans' Land Act, 1942 (Canada).

A person wishing financial assistance under The Veterans' Land Act will have to be qualified by the Regional Committee pursuant to The Veterans' Land Act.

Application for financial assistance or for a certificate certifying that he is a veteran, should be directed to the Regional Office in the district in which the land is situated. Offices of the Soldier Settlement and Veterans' Land Act have been set up at: Lethbridge, Calgary, Red Deer, Edmonton, St. Paul, Grande Prairie and Peace River.

EDMONTON, ALBERTA,
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HON. N. E. TANNER,
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THURSDAY—Let's Go to Town

FRIDAY—Russell Bennett Conducts

SATURDAY—Hits of the Week

Oats Club Winners

Complete list of winners in the standing crops competition in Junior Oats Clubs, sponsored in Alberta by United Grain Growers, Ltd., is given below. Winners of first and second in each club will receive cash prizes.

Abee: 1, Nancy Mucha, Abee; 2, Astrid Svendsen, Abee.

Andrew: 1, Willie Teminsky; 2, Alex Orydzuk, Ukalta.

Bellis: 1, Geo. Zawadiuk, Bellis; 2, Julian and Frank Janisewski, Bellis.

Bowden: 1, Bobbie Brewster and Jimmie Brewster, tie; 2, Keith Charlton.

Cochrane: 1, Miss A. Peppard and I. Peppard, tie; 2, A. Rushfeldt.

Cremona: 1, Lila Wigg; 2, Bill Butler, Bottrel, Gladys Butler, Bottrel, Leonard Butler, Bottrel, tie.

Clive: 1, Aileen Strandberg; 2, Jack Strandberg.

Erskine: 1, Sheridan Clark, Erskine; 2, John Sheppard, Erskine.

Fort Saskatchewan: 1, Marjorie Gunn, Ardrossan; 2, Jessie Alton and Margaret Alton, tie.

Grande Prairie: 1, John Heiken, Sexsmith; 2, Bob Lowe, Sexsmith.

Haight: 1, Robert Rokos and Raymond Rokos, tie; 2, Edwin Klawitter.

Legal: 1, Eddy Rivard, 2, W. Van De Walle.

Neerlandia: 1, Hilda Nanninga; 2, Herman Gelderman and Rita Gelderman, tie.

Pathfinder: 1, Agnes Townsend; 2, Nick Fylypiuk, Myrnam.

Richmond Park: 1, Alec Crawee; 2, Jean Olynik.

Rimbey: 1, Charles Whitesell; 2, Ethel Webb, Bluffton.

Spedden: 1, Paul Stelmaschuk, Spedden; 2, Peter & Metro Krokosh, Spedden.

Smoky Lake: 1, John Lastiwka, Smoky Lake; 2, Steve Fedoretz, Smoky Lake.

Wildwood: 1, Frank Horvat and Charles Horvat, tie; 2, Tom Browne and Roberta Browne, tie.

MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

Postcard from Cynical Gus says the prairie trails the pioneers cut must have been pretty good seeing that the Provincial Government still expects 'em to stand up under the strain of modern heavy auto traffic.

Yep, and every time it rains it becomes increasingly evident that nobody connected with the Provincial Highways Department was ever awarded a Roads Scholarship.

However, it's just a matter of spelling whether you look on them as prairie trails or prairie trials.

THIS IS TERRIBLE

The Bad Egg of Crow's Nest opines that the cow-keepers of Milk River must find it kind of tough. Yep, sez he, their customers can't help wondering whether the boys are selling the milk or the river.

Oh yes, and without doubt among some of our farmer friends, "To bee or not to bee" is a honey of a question.

Those meat ration tokens remind us of the good old days when we used to play shave 'appenny in ye old village inne.

Maybe the guy who designed 'em also used to play this fascinating game and was suffering from a fit of nostalgia when he thought 'em up. Anyhow, judging by public reaction it must have been a fit of some kind.

Favorite Song of Donald Gordon: "Butcher Your Arms Around Me Honey"—we don't think!

THOSE FOUR FREEDOMS!

We see where the City Fathers of Calgary have banned a student of Japanese parents from living in the city in order to attend an institute of learning. That looks as though those same city fathers are also in need of considerable education.

They apparently haven't learnt that the bravest and best of Canada fought and died to put an end to such rotten racial discrimination.

However, as any Bowness resident will tell you, the Calgary City Council isn't noted outside the city limits for its fairness.

We see by the fashion pages that plump figures are coming into their own again. Just another case of the survival of the fattest.

CENT PER CENTERS

According to an Edmonton report the Alberta Liquor Control Board made a profit of \$5,857,202 on goods which cost them \$6,305,395. Gosh! what a howl would go up if a private concern dared to publish such exploitation of the public.

And boy, oh, boy, don't the figures make interesting reading:

Gross sales.....	\$20,564,057
License fees.....	294,469
Sundry Revenue.....	39,842

\$20,898,368

Stores' operating Expenses...\$	788,146
Cost of goods..	6,305,395
Profit.....	5,857,202

\$12,950,743 12,950,743

Difference.....\$ 7,837,625

The \$64 question is: "What became of this \$7,837,615?"

Just imagine the public being FORCED to pay twenty million dollars for six million dollars worth of booze. That wouldn't be inflation, would it?

Oh well, why worry, no matter how gloomy the day there's always a Blue Sky in Alberta.

"How could I accept the Garter from my monarch when his people had just given me the boot."

—Winston Churchill.

Gosh! snickers L'il Goldilocks, our office vamp, he still has to keep his socks up, don't he?

At Toronto Reconstruction Minister Howe told the Canadian Association of Personal Publication Editors that "At this moment two jobs in Canada are open for every applicant for a job." In Calgary a plant manager told an air force veteran seeking employment, that he had 100 applicants for every job he could offer. So you pays your 'appenny and you takes your choice!

After spending an evening with Knotty Frankie, L'il Goldilocks tells us that Knotty has a head like Henry Clay's. Yes, sez she, more Clay than Henry's.

TODAY'S DEFINITION

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Seed treatment and other preventive measures for control of infection of grain are not being carried out as uniformly nor as effectively in Alberta as they might be. This is the conclusion of Dr. W. C. Broadfoot, of the Dominion Laboratory of Plant Pathology, Edmonton, after testing hundreds of Alberta-grown grain samples over a period of five years. During this time, percentages of samples requiring treatment for smut varied from 2 to 7 for wheat, 4 to 11 for oats, and 5 to 32 for barley; while samples requiring treatment for root-rot varied from 5 to 25 for wheat, 1 to 27 for oats, and 2 to 27 for barley.

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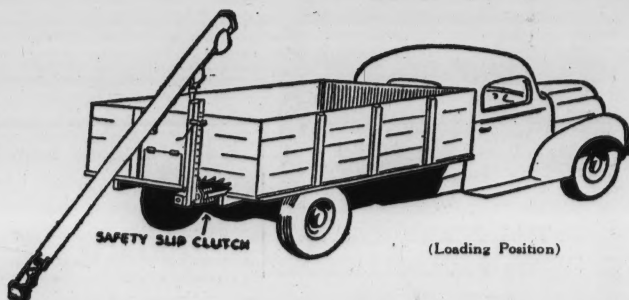
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